



# School Site Council

## Agenda

October 9, 2024

Home of the Wildcats and Traditions in Excellence

Attendance:

**Parents:** Clarissa Adas

**Teachers:** Diane Schumacher, Allison Gardiner, Andrew Wengel, Shannon Hancock, Erin Tanihara

**Admin:** Falkner, Lauren, Bob Spain, Shackelford, Jamie

**Student:** Ishaan Garg, Vidit Shivadevuni, Kelly Jin, Samara Mehta, Ananya Kumar, Ananya Mukherjee, Yousuf Ahmad Siddiqu, Tan fang Hsu, Pooja Srivastava, Jeffrey Scott Bernstein

**Financial Analyst:** Ana Siladie

1. Call to order & Review Agenda 3:23

a) Timekeeper: Johaan Somerville

b) Recorder: Erin Tanihara

Common Abbreviations used in notes:

Q = Question, C = Comment, P = Parent, PR = principal, T = teacher, ST = student

2. Approval of [Minutes from September 11](#), meeting. 3:24

- Addendum (Clarification for 8E - Q: How does the COVID dip in recovery compare to the other schools in the District)
- Motion: Bernstein
  - 2nd: Hancock
- Motion approved: Y

3. Principal's Update – Lauren Falkner. 3:27

- Homecoming was successful despite having a power outage 3 hours before the dance
- SAT today and tomorrow (528)
- PSAT Sat 10/26 (712)
- ACT next Wed (42)
- Distinct 10/23 6-8 pm - 60 colleges in Gyem, 40 AUX... 6K in attendance. Have ST volunteers helping... advance registration on Strivescan on Counseling website
- Fin Aid 11/6 in theater
- Mini College Fair for ST during SS Nov 7
- Senior Mtgs during SS with counselors
- AP Exam 10/25 deadline for signups
- End of Quarter is this Friday

- Q from P: What can be done to spread the word on Measure Q? What can you say during school?
  - Reply from PR: Staff cannot speak on it during instructional time (other than information)
  - C from P: There is a measure that is up for vote; it has a big impact on school budgets to emphasize its importance and asked STs share that info with friends/family

4. Budget Update – Ana Siladie. 3:34

- See budget for details
  - \$55,096 mostly for general supplies

5. Jaime Shackleford- ELAC Committee Introduction 3:35

- ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) - working on building one on site so wanted to share about the ELD Program to this committee
- Site Team: Shackleford (AP and DELAC rep), McCombs (ELD Coordinator/Case Manager), Nijjer (ELD Counselor)
- Overview of ELD Programs on site
- ELAC Committee - Can be made up of community members, parents, staff
  - To assess ST need, to support ELLs (see details in presentation)
  - Dates listed in presentation (4 meetings/school year)
- C from P: Would like family to be involved (Berinstein)
- C from T: What languages is the meeting held in?
  - Farsi, Punjabi, & Mandarin is needed
  - @ meeting, use an electronic translator (instructions on how to use in a variety of languages)
- Q from P: Are there materials we can share to show the efficacy of the participation of the program? To help get families to understand the benefits to the community
  - There might be, she will look into; also hoping that the community events can help with that (word of mouth)
- C from P: This can be helpful for the families in the “gray” area - can get by, but may need more social connections.
- C from PR: ST who are exited out of program because they “graduated” but what kind of data is shared to staff about their history
- C from P: In addition to differences in languages, but also differences in school systems
  - So it’s not just a language difference, but there might be differences in flows, etc
  - Reply from PR: That was the origin for the mentorship program
- C from P: Parents could share that info through the WhatsApp group.... if there are links/QR codes that could be shared through that

6. Council Recommendations (Representative Open Discussion/Share Out) 3:55

- a) An open mic for council members. Members can share out questions, & recommendations, etc.
- C from T: Measure Q - scary idea of moving back to larger class sizes if Measure does not pass
  - C from P: Parents don't like being asked for \$ so this is a centralized way to get funds for school (vs asking parents for more donations)
  - C from T: District is already making a lot of cuts due to a smaller budget from the state
- C from T: Seniors and college recommendation process - STs are needing LoRs much earlier (Oct 15)
  - Would like the Naviance system to be set up earlier (available to teachers by end of May/June)
  - C from PR: Rollover from District doesn't happen to end of July so that might be a factor
  - Table to future meeting when we can get counselors / College & Career
  - C from P: So does that mean that more students are asking for early admission?
  - C from T: So that everyone is aware, T are not compensated for LoRs so that's why you are hearing about caps
  - C from T: It takes anywhere from 30 minutes to 1 hour to write each letter
  - C from P & ST: There may be an increase in asks because they are applying to more private schools and submitting the optional ones
  - C from ST: She is doing some early action... some of her Jr year teachers were asking STs to wait to the start of the school year (e.g., Sept 1st) before they want STs to ask

7. Public Comment. 4:08

- ST from Journalism: No comments

8. Adjournment. 4:08

- Motion: Bernstein
- 2nd: Champaneria
- Motion passed and mtg adjourned at 4:09

**\*\*Next Meeting: Wednesday November 13, 2024, in room 1116 @ 3:20pm**